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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## David Bjerke Named City of Falls Church General Registrar

The Falls Church City Electoral Board announces that David B. Bjerke will be sworn in as the City's General Registrar on Aug. 31. Bjerke comes to Falls Church from the Fairfax County Office of Elections, where he directed polling place and voting equipment operations for the county's 239 polling locations and more than 2,000 pieces of voting equipment.

Bjerke is certified as a Virginia Registered Election Officer and is working toward national certification. He is also studying for a Master of Public Policy degree at George Mason University, from which he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies degree with a double major in Computer Graphics and Mulitmedia Technologies.

The General Registrar is responsible for directing the City's Office of Voter Registration and Elections and serving the City's 8,458 registered voters. Although Falls Church is one of the Commonwealth's smaller jurisdictions, the City's voter turnout has traditionally been one of the highest, boasting 82.8 percent in the November 2008 presidential election.

Bjerke succeeds Deborah A. Taylor, who retired in July following more than 24 years of service as the City's General Registrar.

The public is invited to Bjerke's swearing in ceremony, scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31, at 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 300 Park Ave.

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